(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to settle these dues in consultation with the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi as expeditiously as possible.

Unearthing of ISI network by Delhi Police

2504. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Police have unearthed an ISI marked Militant Criminal network plan to cause blasts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been taken up with the US and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Six criminals belonging to Bhupendra Tyagi gang were arrested by Delhi Police on 4th May, 2001 and arms and ammunitation, bullet-proof jackets, mobile phones and counterfeit currency of Rs. 25,000 was recovered from them. These criminals were reportedly engaged by Pak ISI. In addition, during the year 2001 (upto 30th November, 2001), Delhi Police apprehended 11 terrorists trained in Pakistan and one terrorist trained in Afghanistan, of whom five were Pakistani nationals.

(c) and (d) The Government have on several occasions taken up with the Government of Pakistan the issue of its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country. However, Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism has continued unabated.

Confiscating the properties of Smugglers

†2505. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government are contemplating to confiscate the properties of smugglers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1976 provides for forfeiture of illegally acquired property of the persons convicted under the Sea Customs Act, 1878; the Customs Act, 1962; the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947 and the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973; as also the persons against whom order of detention has been made under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smugglers Activities Act, 1974. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) provides for tracing, freezing, seizure and forfeiture of illegally acquired property of persons convicted under the Act or any corresponding law of any foreign country. Forfeiture of illegal property is also provided under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988, for those against whom order of detention has been made.

Five competent Authories appointed under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of property) Act, 1976; Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 located at Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi, Lucknow and Mumbai have been carrying out forfeiture of such illegally acquired property.